(b) Grants are released to the State Government as per PMGSY programme guidelines after receipt of proposal from the State Government and its clearance by Ministry of Rural Development.

(c) Does not arise.

Increase in Textile units under Integrated Textile Parks

1785. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved a proposal recently for increasing the number of units under the Integrated Textile Parks Scheme during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the number of units proposed to be set up under the scheme, State-wise, during the current financial year; and

(c) the total amount sanctioned and spent under the Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) The target under the Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP) during the 10th Five Year Plan has been increased to 30 Textile Parks.

(b) Under the SITP, so far, 26 projects have been sanctioned-9 projects in 2005-06 and 17 projects in 2006-07. State-wise break-up is Andhra Pradesh (4), Gujarat (6), Karnataka (1), Maharashtra (6), Rajasthan (2), Tamil Nadu (5), Uttar Pradesh (1) and West Bengal (1).

(c) Estimated project cost of these 26 parks (common infrastructure/ facilities) is Rs. 2433.35 Crore, of which Government of India support would be Rs. 869 Crore. So far, Rs. 73.56 Crore has been released to 22 Textile Parks.

Implementation of handloom schemes in North Eastern States

†1786. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey with regard to

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

handloom schemes being implemented in the country, particularly in North Eastern States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any new schemes have been formulated or are proposed to be formulated, to promote handlooms in the country, particularly in North Eastern States; and

(d) if so, the steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A study on Handloom Sector Schemes i.e. Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana, Handloom Export Scheme, Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme, Thrift Fund Scheme, Marketing Promotion Programme has been conducted through National Institute of Small Industries (NISIET) in some of the States including North Eastern States during 2006-07. The study has suggested continuation of the schemes during XI Plan. It is proposed to continue the schemes during the XI Plan with some modifications for implementation in the country including North Eastern States.

(c) and (d) During 2005-06, the Government of India introduced Integrated Handloom Cluster Development Scheme, Health Insurance Scheme for providing Health Care Facilities to handloom weavers and the Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana (MGBBY) for providing Insurance cover to handloom weavers in the country including North Eastern States in case of natural as well as accidental death. During 2006-07, the Technology Upgradation Funds Scheme (TUFS) for handloom sector was launched on 31st July, 2006. Handloom Mark was launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India on 28th June, 2006 under Marketing Promotion Programme to provide brand identity to the Handloom products and increase the sales of Handloom products in India and aboard.

Opening Government/PSU units of benefites of integrated textile parks

1787. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new scheme for integrated textiles parks has been